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DATE: 24 JULY 1974

SUBJECT: STATUS OF NICOSIA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

EARLIER CLAIMS BY ANKARA THAT TURKISH FORCES HOLD NICOSIA AIRPORT EVIDENTLY WERE EXAGGERATED. TURKISH FORCES HAD BEEN FIGHTING NEAR THE AIRPORT, AND APPARENTLY CONTROL MUCH OF THE AREA AROUND IT, BUT APPARENTLY NOT THE AIRPORT PROPER. ACCORDING TO THE BRITISH COMMAND ON CYPRUS, UN FORCES AT THE AIRPORT REPORT THAT THE TURKS HAD BEEN BUILDING UP THEIR FORCES AROUND THE AIRPORT ALL DAY.

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